



BUCKLANDS BEACH ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

BBAFC Girls Tournament Question and Answers:

The below question and answers will help you all as clubs understand a bit more about our tournament planning. We encourage you to send any other questions by email and we will do our best to help. There will be a Coach / Managers online briefing session setup during the week prior to tournament (date/time TBC)

1. How many teams can the tournament take in total?
We are planning to accommodate 8-12 teams per grade. This is subject to confirmed entries where we may adjust this up to 16 (9/10th grade only) or down to 6 teams per grade.
2. How many games and how long are the games?
Each team will have 3 x pool games of 20 minutes (2 x 10minutes half's) and 2 x knock-out games of 30 minutes (2 x 15-minute half's). Knock out games may be subject to penalty shootouts if resulting in a draw. The length of games is subject to confirmed entries and based on 12 teams per grade. If teams' numbers entered are increased to 16 the length of knock-out game may be adjusted to 10-minute halves.
3. How is a tournament winner determined?
After pool play the teams will be split into divisions within their grade ie: cup, plate, bowl etc. The number of divisions is subject to entries received and draw being confirmed.
4. What are the points allocations in pool play:
3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss, and 1 bonus point for 3 or more goals.
5. When will the draw be available?
We will inform all teams of the draw for pool play and the knockout format during the week prior to the tournament.
6. What format will be played?
*9/10th grade: 7v7 on ¼ size field
12/13th grade: 9 v 9 on ½ size field
15/17th grade: 11 v 11 on full size field*
7. How many players per team?
*9/10th grade: Max squad size of 10 players
12/13th grade: Max squad size of 13 players
15/17th grade: Max squad size of 16 players*
8. What is the age cutoff for each grade:
*Your age as at 31 December 2025 as per NRF guidelines.
eg: If you are 14 on the 31st Decemeber you will be in the 15/17th Grade
If you are 11 on the 31st December you will be eligible to play either up or down*
9. What if our club has a 11/12th grade girls team, which crosses the grades of this tournament?
That is to the discretion of the club and organisers, based on the majority of the players in your team. But if you have been playing 9 a-side all year, we would suggest entering in the 12/13th grade. Plus we are mindful that the 15/17th grade spans a wide age band, so once again discretion maybe required.
10. What if our team has a few players with age exemptions within the NRF competition
We want to allow teams to stay together and play as a team. Please disclose any exempt players at time of entry. By disclosing players, you are also granting permission for BBAFC to have this checked and confirmed with the relevant community organisation ie NRF, WAI/BOP etc.

11. What offside rules apply?
NRF community rules will apply applicable to each grade.
12. Can clubs enter more than one team?
Yes, clubs can enter either 1 or 2 teams per grade.
13. What teams may enter?
*Teams playing in COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS ONLY.
Federation / Metro - ie top level, **TDP teams** are **not permitted**.*
14. Can players swap between teams?
No. Players must remain with the team they begin the tournament. Clubs should ensure that squad size is sufficient at time of registration to cover substitutions or any injuries.
15. Can teams swap players between teams if multiple injuries occur?
No, while we empathise with this situation, it is sometime the nature of sport. No swapping between teams will be allowed.
16. Who will referee each game?
We will confirm nearer the tournament time, but we may ask clubs to provide a referee subject to numbers available. If a club has available a "community based" (or higher qualified) referee, then please nominate on registration of your team
17. Will referees be neutral?
We intend to identify all referee's available prior to tournament and appoint neutrally to pool play games. Allocation of referees for knock-out games will be made on the day.
18. What if on the day we disagree with a referee decision?
Referee decisions are final. No decisions will be over-turned.
19. What happens if a team breaches tournament rules?
BBAFC tournament management may either deduct points or disqualify a team. Decisions made will be final and not contestable.
20. What happens if it's bad weather on Saturday 13th Sept?
The tournament will be postponed until Sunday 14th Sept.
21. What happens if its bad weather on Sunday 14th Sept?
The tournament will be cancelled, and refunds provided.
22. What if we cannot attend the rain date if postponed. Will we get a refund?
No, teams are expected to be available to participate on the rain day if necessary.
23. When will decisions on postponement or cancellation be made.
BBAFC tournament organisers will look to inform teams at the earliest possible time. This could be up to 7am on the day of the tournament at the latest.

Any further questions please email Amy at: females@BBAFC.org.nz